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Applicants : A. B. Dandekar et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Appl. No : 09/903,476

Examiner: T.D.Dang

Filed : July 11, 2001

For : REACTIVATION OF AROMATICS ALKYLATION CATALYSTS

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. 1.312**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment dated December 3, 2002, Applicants wish to continue prosecution of the application as initially filed. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Notice of Allowability to expire on March 3, 2003, this amendment is being filed in a timely manner. Please amend the claims as follows and consider the ensuing remarks below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please reinstate claims 5 through 12 and 24. Please amend claims 5, 13, and 19 as follows:

5. [Twice Amended] A process for alkylating an aromatic compound comprising:

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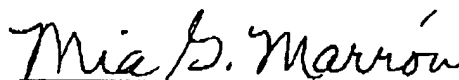
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